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1. The secret committee to combat Communism has not yet put into action any concrete plans.\* The Government of India (GOI) is, however, implementing some of its plans to make the committee a going concern.
2. In Bombay, there has been no action taken by any legislative (sic) body to activate a local branch of the committee; a number of police officers, however, have been alerted in accordance with instructions from New Delhi that a list of such officers be submitted who could be detailed as functionaries of this committee. Upon receipt of orders from T. J. Sanjevi, the Director of the Central Intelligence Bureau (CIB), these officers will be assigned to work for this department of the CIB.
3. Sanjevi, upon his recent return to India from abroad, intimated that the committee would be a separate branch of CIB, dealing only with counter-Communism.
4. Under present central government regulations, no secret legislation can be effected to activate the committee, and it is certain that every newspaper will be given the details when the Constituent Assembly takes the necessary action. Even though this committee is an emergency measure, it will have to be initiated in accord with normal legislative procedure. During the administration of the British in India, provincial governors were allotted a fund of several lakhs of rupees for which no accounting was required and which was used for intelligence purposes; it is not known by [REDACTED] however, whether or not the present provincial governors have these sums at their disposal.
5. Sanjevi returned from his visit to the United States and Canada extremely enthusiastic about the police methods of the two countries, and he has already submitted many plans which he is anxious to have the GOI carry out. Nearly all of his suggestions call for the expenditure of dollars, and for this reason it is probable that all of his proposals will be turned down. Inasmuch as the currency has been devaluated, the GOI's reluctance to divert valuable dollars to this end will be even greater, and the situation will be all the more hopeless.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Probably the new branch, as a part of CIB, will be under a deputy-commissioner who will report directly to Sanjevi. No one has been proposed for this assignment as yet.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. It has been reliably reported that on 7 September 1949 Mr. V. P. Menon, Political Adviser to the Ministry of States, made the statement in a private conversation that the Government's secret organization to combat Communist attempts to disrupt the Indian economy was then functioning in the Malabar district of Madras, Cochin and Travancore, but that it was as yet too early to evaluate its effectiveness. He went on to indicate that the operations of the organization in South India were intended to constitute a test of the efficacy of the organization and that, if it appeared that its functioning in this area was successful, its scope would be extended to other parts of the country.

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